

**CALIFORNIA CONDOR POPULATION SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION
MONTHLY REPORT, APRIL 1, 2003
GENERAL SUMMARY**

TOTAL POPULATION **199**

CAPTIVE POPULATION **118**

Los Angeles Zoo	34 (incl. 2 chicks)	
San Diego WAP	35	
WCBP Boise	40 (incl. 1 chick)	
Mentor birds in field pens	2	
Pre-release birds in field pens	7	
Baja California	2	
Arizona	5	

WILD POPULATION **81**

California **42**

Southern California-released birds in wild	20	
Central California-released birds in wild	22	

Baja California **3**

In wild	0	
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	3	

Arizona **36**

In wild	32	
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	4	

Changes in March:

Southern California – one nest discovered

Central California – two re-released

Arizona - 3 released; 2 temporarily recaptured; three nests discovered

Eggs laid in 2003:

Los Angeles Zoo – 7 laid, 5 incubating, 2 hatched

San Diego WAP – 7 laid, 5 incubating

WCBP Boise – 20 laid, 15 incubating, 1 hatched

Wild, California – 1 laid, 1 incubating

Wild, Arizona – 3 laid, 1 broken, 2 incubating

Wild population statistics since 1995:

144 condors released (So. CA - 48; Cent. CA - 33*; Baja CA - 3; AZ - 60) *one was later re-released in AZ

81 alive in the wild

50 deaths

13 returned to captivity indefinitely or permanently

Egg-laying pairs in wild, California: 1 in 2001; 3 in 2002; 1 so far in 2003

Egg-laying pairs in wild, Arizona: 1 in 2001; 2 in 2002; 3 so far in 2003

See below for detailed summary and explanatory notes

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WCBP Boise	40 (incl. 1 chick)	
Oregon Zoo	0	
Mentor birds in field pens	2 (SB# 63 in Cent. CA; # 64 in Baja CA)	
Pre-release birds in field pens	7	
Southern California	0	
Central California	0	
Baja California	2 (SB# 217, 220)	
Arizona	5 (SB# 273, 275, 276, 280, 282)	

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Arizona		36
In wild	32	
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	4 (SB# 187, 193, 126, 162)	

Changes in March:

Southern California – one nest discovered

Central California – SB# 251 and 260 re-released

Arizona - 3 released Mar. 3 (SB# 272, 274, 281); 2 temporarily recaptured (SB# 126, 162) to aid pairings in wild; three nests discovered

Eggs laid in 2003:

Los Angeles Zoo – 7 laid, 0 infertile, 7 fertile, 5 incubating, 2 hatched, 2 chicks surviving

San Diego WAP – 7 laid, 1 infertile, 5 fertile, 1 unknown, 5 incubating

WCBP Boise – 20 laid, 3 infertile, 16 fertile, 1 unknown, 15 incubating, 1 hatched, 1 chick surviving

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-Calif. Dep. Fish & Game, rmj, Apr. 7, 2003

Explanatory notes:

SB# - Condor Studbook number

"CAPTIVE POPULATION" includes:

- birds captured from the wild prior to 1988 that are still in a captive facility (e.g., zoo)
- previously released birds returned to captivity permanently or for care and possible re-release
- surviving chicks and juveniles (excludes eggs laid)
- captive-hatched birds retained for captive breeding
- young birds held in breeding facilities in preparation for transfer to a field pen for release
- "mentor birds" from a captive facility transferred temporarily into a field pen to aid socialization of pre-release birds
- birds transferred from a captive facility to a field pen in preparation for initial release or re-release
- WAP is Wild Animal Park (Zoological Society of San Diego); WCBP is World Center for Birds of Prey (The Peregrine Fund)

"WILD POPULATION" includes:

- free-flying birds recently accounted for
- free-flying birds, assumed to be alive, although not recently accounted for
- nestlings in wild nests
- temporarily re-captured wild birds, held in a field pen, that are intended to be re-released soon

"So. Calif." refers to birds originally released at sites from San Luis Obispo County to Ventura County by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Birds released in the two California release areas now freely intermingle.

"Central Calif." refers to birds originally released at sites north of San Luis Obispo County by the Ventana Wilderness Society. Birds released in the two California release areas now freely intermingle.

"Baja Calif." refers to birds originally released in Baja California by the Zoological Society of San Diego, the Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada, and the Instituto Nacional de Ecología.

"Arizona" refers to birds in Arizona and several other states east of California, released by The Peregrine Fund.

Mortalities requiring law enforcement investigation often will not be publicly reported immediately.